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## Letter from Michael Marley to James B. Finley

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Bro. Eddy was with me two weeks ago at Gulton  
quarterly meeting, and requested me to say to  
you and Bro. Moody that he expected to attend  
our conference, and that he hoped you would  
give him a place among the brethren. He  
was well, and preached well. Now Bro. Finley  
I hope you will write soon. My love to Bro.  
Moody and family, and to Bro. Spencer.  
Should you see them.

Bro.  
M. Moody  
1847  
April

5  
Milford  
April 29  
Rev. J. B. Finley,  
Columbus,  
Ohio.

My family are well, and I am in love  
to you. May for me that my year may  
close in peace and prosperity. The Lord  
bless you my dearly beloved Bro. M. Moody

Milford, Clermont Co. O. April 28. 1847

Dear Bro. Finley.

Your favour of March 27<sup>th</sup> was duly  
received, and perused with great interest. It has been  
on file awaiting an answer for some time, and now  
the answer is commenced without any particular  
subject. But longer delay on that account, promises  
but little advantage, I have therefore resolved to write  
about something, for the sake of the answer. For be  
assured that to have you talk for me, but for a short  
time, and that at a distance, affords me a great  
pleasure. I hope that your health is restored, and  
that you will still be able when conference comes  
to report yourself an effective man. But the  
Lord knoweth best, and will do all things right.

My own health is measurably restored, I am  
somewhat afflicted in the throat, and fear that  
it is a Bronca affection, with this exception, I  
am as well as usual. You see the old Baltimore  
conference has followed in the wake of our  
Buckeye Conference, in reporting their men as  
withdrawn, they seem to be orthodox, of course so  
long as they follow us. I suppose that if there  
have been doubts about the Plan being nullified  
heretofore, all these doubts have been disapated  
by the appearance of Bishop Capers Bull on  
the Plan, claiming all the slave States in mass.



This letter is a strange affair, yet I do not regret its appearance, as there are some men so exceedingly kind to their brethren of the South, instance Berlin and Olm, and Bangs, that they would seem to be willing to do any thing in order to accommodate these "dear Brethren". This letter will be of service in waking up Dr. Bond, as he evidently was in danger of rusting, for some time past, but in his last he seems to be as bright as a Spanish Baller. You see that Elder Reed is coming out fine. He talks very plain about Southern measures, but especially about Southern men. He talks some of sending him to gen. con. in the border work. Our Bishops by their last determinations, have done us no good, by saying they held to a fixed line, and that interior societies, would not be recognized, and that when they had once taken preachers from the Church South, their case was settled forever. These are grave decisions and yet we are extending our work into the interior of Kentucky, our next gr. M. is in Lewis Co. at Canaan meeting house, where we have a society of near one hundred. What say you, must we give up our ground and recede, or hold on, the opinion of the Bishops to the contrary, notwithstanding? This society is not a border Society according to the Bishops. Polk thinks it would be dishonorable to recede though he be wrong. Surely I ought to stick on a point of honor, when I know our right.

In Kentucky, in many places they have never acted until the present year, and are now deciding to remain in the M. E. Church, and we are preaching for them in all cases, where we can reach them, and intend so to do, until our time is out, unless we be removed.

I will not say any thing about the Dis. in general, it is about as it was when we gave you an account of it in the Address at the close of our second round. The Church is doing pretty well, we are not gaining many accessions at present.

You don't seem to entertain a very high opinion of the said, J. M. Polk. and his administration. Well he will certainly make "old Rough and Ready", the next President, with all the Slavery, it seems. These angle-saxons of the United States are a great folks, they send their Corn in one direction, to "feed the hungry", and their Cannon, and men, in another direction to kill men women, and children. They are the greatest race of men on Earth, because they can kill <sup>more</sup> ~~more~~ than any other race in proportion to their number. Because they are the most scientific Butchers of men, in the known world, of the present age.

Oh that all men were honest, and patriotic, and Christian, then would human blood cease to be offered on the Altar of Ambition, and despotism, and the world be holy and happy.